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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR INTERCONNECTION OF TWO TUBULAR ORGANS


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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).  
The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)
10. ☐ A Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv). ))
11. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - ☐ Copy of IDS citations.
13. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)).
14. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
15. ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
16. ☒ Itemized Return Receipt Postcard
17. ☐ A substitute specification.
18. ☐ Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 CFR §3.73(b)
  - a. ☐ Newly executed Power of Attorney
  - b. ☐ A change of Power of Attorney and/or change of address letter.
19. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
20. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
21. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)).
22. ☒ Other items or information: **Abstract, International Search Report, PCT/IPEA/409 (International Preliminary Examination Report), Please note that the Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of the U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17 (iv) was filed in the International Phase, see the published application.**

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